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SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO AFGHANISTAN OF U.S. CITIZENS OF AFGHAN
ORIGIN

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1. QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL A AGAIN TAKEN UP IN CONVERSATION
WITH MR. HASRAT, DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. ACCORDING TO HASRAT, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS COMPLETED RENUN-
CIATION PROCEDURE AND THEN ACCEPTED AMERICAN NATIONALITY WOULD,
ON HIS RETURN TO AFGHANISTAN, BE TREATED AS ANY OTHER TOURIST,
WITH THE SAME RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER,
THAT RENUNCIATION IS INVALID UNLESS AND UNTIL APPROVED BY
CABINET.

3. HASRAT ALSO SAID ACQUISITION OF SECOND NATIONALITY BEFORE
APPROVAL OF RENUNCIATION WOULD BE CONSIDERED INVALID BY GOVERN-
MENT OF AFGHANISTAN. HE COULD NOT SAY HOW LONG CABINET WOULD
TAKE TO APPROVE REQUEST TO RENOUNCE, AS CABINET HAS MANY OTHER
RESPONSIBILITIES.

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4. HASRAT EMPHASIZED THAT INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS NOT RENOUNCED,
WHO RETURNED TO AFGHANISTAN ON NON-AFGHAN PASSPORT, WOULD BE
IN VIOLATION OF LAW AND WOULD FACE PUNISHMENT.

5. IN LIGHT OF FOREGOING, WE ADVISE THAT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE,
NO U.S. CITIZEN OF AFGHAN ORIGIN TRAVEL TO AFGHANISTAN WITHOUT

COMPLETING RENUNCIATION PROCEDURE. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT, WHEN INITIATING THIS PROCEDURE, AN INDIVIDUAL NOT INFORM AFGHAN GOVERNMENT IF ALREADY AMERICAN CITIZEN. (SEE REFTEL B, PARA 4) IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR U.S. CITIZENS OF AFGHAN ORIGIN WHO HAVE NOT RENOUNCED, TO TRAVEL PRIOR TO RENUNCIATION, DEPARTMENT COULD CONSIDER SUGGESTING THAT TRAVELERS ENTER AND LEAVE AFGHANISTAN ON VALID AFGHAN PASSPORT. SUCH TRAVELERS WOULD HAVE TO BE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT, IF THEY RUN INTO DIFFICULTIES, EMBASSY WOULD FACE GREAT PROBLEMS ASSISTING; AS AFGHAN GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER THEM EXCLUSIVELY ITS OWN CITIZENS.

6. BACKGROUND FOR SUGGESTION IN PARA FIVE BASED ON ROUGHLY ANALAGOUS SITUATION FACED BY AMERICAN CITIZENS OF TURKISH ORIGIN. SUCH INDIVIDUALS ARE CONSIDERED BY GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY AS TURKISH CITIZENS, UNLESS SPECIAL BILL ON THEIR BEHALF PASSED BY TURKISH PARLIAMENT. THEY MAINTAIN THEIR AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP, ALTHOUGH ENTERING AND LEAVING TURKEY ON TURKISH PASSPORTS. WHILE IN TURKEY, THEY ARE SUBJECT TO TURKISH LAW; AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS FIND DIFFICULTY IN COMING TO THEIR AID. FOR ANKARA AND ISTANBUL: WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS PARAGRAPH.

7. HASRAT HAS PROMISED TO FURNISH DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON THIS SUBJECT SHORTLY. WHEN RECEIVED, EMBASSY WILL TELEGRAPH FURTHER INFORMATION.
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